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31st Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show: Sept. 20-21

Listen, learn and see history as it comes alive at the 31st Annual Heritage Festival, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 20-21 in historic Nifong Park. Listen to a wide variety of entertainment on three stages. Learn about the mid 19th century as you stroll through an 1859 town of shopkeepers and townspeople. See artisans and tradesmen dressed in 19th century attire demonstrate their trades, a mountain man camp, a Lewis and Clark replica outpost and a cowboy camp with chuck wagons.

Entertainment on three stages will include music, dancing and storytelling. Featured entertainers include the Haskell Indian Nations Dancers, The Blackbury Band (Western/Cowboy), St. Louis Czech Express, Branson Variety Show Performers (Johnny Lonestar – roping, gun spinning, whip cracking, Clay Cooper and funny man Matt Gumm), Professor Farquar - Medicine Man, Cowboy poets, a fiddlers' competition on Saturday afternoon, and many local bands. On Saturday, ghost stories will offer thrills from 8–9:30 p.m.

Children will enjoy numerous activities in the Fun for Young'uns Area and hayrides. Tour the historic Maplewood Home and the Walter's Boone County Historical Museum. Great food and a beautiful park setting will make the Heritage Festival a family tradition!

The Heritage Festival is coordinated by Columbia Parks and Recreation and co-sponsored by ABC 17/Fox 38/MY ZOU 32/ ABC Stormtracker 24/7, Boehmer Chiropractic, Boone County Historical Society, Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Program, *Columbia Daily Tribune*, Metro Rotary Club & Missouri River Communities Network.

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